Oil Selection Boards

879. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently received complaints regarding the functioning of Oil Selection in Boards in different parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Members of Parliament have requested the Government to reconstitute the Oil Selection Boards; and

(c) if so, what are the details of Government's decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Complaints about the functioning of the Oil Selection Boards have been made by members of the Consultative Committee. At the same forum, suggestions for re-constitution of the Boards were made.

(c) There are at present four Oil Selection Boards in the country, each headed by a Retired High Court Judge as its Chairman and a retired Civil Servant as its member. There is no proposal for reconstitution of these Boards.

Survey for gas exploitation

880. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any surveys during the last three years for exploitation of the Gas resources in the country;

(b) what are the details of the areas identified in this regard, Statewise, in the country; and

(c) the areas out of those on which work has already started for commercial exploitation of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Surveys have been undertaken for oil and gas in the last three years.

(b) The natural gas (associated and free) has been discovered in the following areas:—

Gujarat
Rajasthan
Assam
Nagaland
Tripura
Andhra Pradesh
Tamil Nadu
Arunachal Pradesh
Andaman

Offshore areas of West and East Coast

(c) The production of natural gas has already commenced in Gujarat, Assam and Bombay Offshore.

Import of LPG cylinders

881. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries from which the LPG cylinders were imported since 1982; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a few industrial units in the country had offered to supply the cylinders and if so, the reasons for which they were ignored by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Brazil.

(b) A three-year contract for supplies of LPG cylinder after 1-4-1983 was finalised by the oil industry in early 1983 after inviting tenders from indigenous manufacturers.

Coal gas and Byproducts factory in Dankuni

882. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal Gas and Byproduct Factory in Dan-